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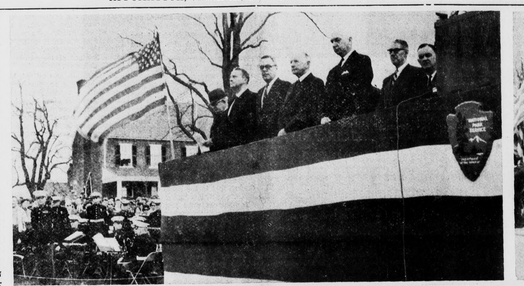
GOVERNOR HARRISON ARRIVES FOR COMMEMORATION
Escorted by Charles S. Marshall, Regional Park Service Director



PORTION OF THE SPEAKERS STAND, WITH DIGNITARIES, MARINE BAND IN BACKGROUND
Guests Include General Grant, Rep. Marsh, Del. Pollard, Sen. Byrd, Gov. Harrison, Wm. McMillan, Lt. Gov. Godwin

AUTHOR BRUCE CATTON SIGNS AUTOGRAPHS
He Was Speaker At Commemoration Here Friday

20,000 Attend Ceremonies Here

Bitter Civil War Ends With Nation Re-United In Peace

APPOMATTOX, April 9—"No devastation of war and a bitter civil war in history ever ended quite like this. Instead of leaving an indigestible legacy of hatred and bitterness, this one left a great legend and a long remembering.

"Southern aspirations spiralled into this magnificent myth that contained, and still contains, a beautiful residuum of truth. In place of unending rancor and backwoods warfare that would have destroyed forever the central force of the American dream, we got this legend that has helped us all.

"It was General Lee himself who ruled out the South's resorting in guerrilla tactics. And thus the conquered South did not become another Ireland or Poland with generation after generation learning hatred and the arts of back alley warfare.

"And it was General Grant once known as 'Unconditional Surrender Grant,' who during the meeting with Lee at the McLean house extended generous surrender terms to the vanquished and squelched efforts of his own men to express jubilation."

These words of historian Bruce Catton, principal speaker at Appomattox ceremonies marking the 100th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, seemed to point out the purpose of the final centennial event.

It was not a celebration of the defeat of the south or the victory of the north. It was a celebration of a day when, after four long years of bloodshed, the nation could once again be called the United States of America.

Harrison Speaks

Governor Harrison, in extending an official welcome from the Commonwealth of Virginia to the more than 15,000 guests present, said "the only thing surrendered at Appomattox was the idea that Southern beliefs and principles would be best served by the division of the nation."

The governor added that the devastation of war and a bitter reconstruction era "served to make us embrace our heritage more. Today's principles are the same as those our forefathers fought for."

Other Notables

Most of the other notables on the platform Friday in front of the newly restored courthouse building did not speak.

The few drops of rain and greater threat of rain during the program may have prompted only acknowledging nods from:

Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Sen. A. Willis Robertson, Rep. Watkins M. Abbitt, Rep. William Tuck, Rep. John O. Marsh, Jr., Rep. Joel T. Broyhill, Lt. Gov. Mills E. Godwin, Lee's great-grandson, Robert E. Lee IV; Grant's grandson, Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, III; Leonard Fellman, of Edina, Mich., designer of the stamp; George B. Hartzog, Jr., director of the National Park Service.

A few drops of rain fell while the governor was speaking, then stopped until the firing squad's rifles aimed and exploded toward the sky at the end of the commemorative program.

Civil War dress was donned by some of the women and children in attendance, and some men were in uniform.

Reorganized Union and Confederate regiments were present, many after having walked for a number of miles.

The restored courthouse in the historical park was opened officially in a brief ribbon cutting ceremony conducted by Lee IV and Grant III, each of whom was armed with a pair of scissors.

This ceremony was held after the commemorative program, that also included the usual invocation, benediction, firing squad and taps. The firing squad, bugler and color guard were composed of cadets from Virginia Military Institute.

Postal Official

Some little known facts were told to the assembly by William M. McMillan, of Washington, assistant postmaster general.

"It seems," he said, "that the man appointed postmaster general of the Confederacy by President Jefferson Davis decided that the best way to run the service was to have U. S. Postal Department men hired from Washington."

He did this, said McMillan, and got U. S. postal records in the process. These records enabled him to run an efficient and solvent Post Office Department by getting railroads to reduce their fees for carrying the mail and by raising letter rates.

As a result, McMillan said the South may have lost the war but the Post Office did not have a deficit. And the North, while victorious in battle, showed a deficit in the operation of its postal department.

Albums Presented

McMillan, acting for the U. S.

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Shown above cutting the ribbon across the porch to the newly constructed Old Appomattox Court House during Friday's Centennial ceremonies are Major General Ulysses S. Grant, III (left), and Robert Edward Lee, IV. Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt, of Appomattox, is next to Mr. Lee.

Gillis Family Coming Here

The famous Gillis family, who toured across the United States Europe and the U.S.S.R. in their covered wagon, will be in Appomattox at West End Market on Thursday, April 15 from 10 a. m. to 5 p.m.

During their last visit here, about three years ago, the Gillis family was interviewed by the TIMES-VIRGINIAN, and they visited schools of the county to talk with boys and girls of their travels in the last wagon west.'

YOUR local Health Department will give assistance in protecting your private water supply.

Henry Pack Unopposed Candidate For Mayor; Eight File For Council

All present Town Council members have filed for re-election except one, Henry B. Pack, who has announced his candidacy for the office of mayor of Appomattox.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, completing his second term as mayor, declined to offer for the office for a third term. Mr. Pack, instructor in vocational agriculture at Appomattox High School, has served on Town Council for the past two terms.

Other council incumbents seeking reelection are Mrs. Earle Robinson, president of the council; Ivey Holland, Burke Guill, Randolph Gilbert, and Richard Wingfield.

Three other residents have filed for places on the six-member council, R. L. Bass, E. T. Mitchell, and Harry G. Johnson. Election for town officials is set for Tuesday, June 8, with the gubernatorial election set for July.

To Close For Easter Holidays

The Appomattox County Library will be closed Easter Monday all day ..... noon on Tuesday and Wednesday. Regular hours will be resumed on Thursday.

Lions Celebrate 25th Anniversary

A banquet and dance last Thursday evening marked the 25th anniversary of the Appomattox Lions Club. Here to address Lions and their guests was Walter J. Purdy, past international director of Lions International, shown above with Appomattox President W. W. Blythe, at right. Others, left to right are Murrell Ferguson, secretary; Ivey Lachlan, immediate past president, and Edward R. ... son, district governor. Membership awards were presented to Lions and special commemorative plates were given to members and guests.

Pancake Day Sat., April 17

Pancake Day will be held at Liberty Baptist Church at 6:30 a.m., with the Rev. Thomas Waddill, Music will be provided by the Civic Chorus.

The service is sponsored by the Appomattox Ministerial Association.

Young adults of the church will sponsor a coffee hour following the service.

Sunrise Service At Liberty Church

The community Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Liberty Baptist Church at 6:30 a.m., with the Rev. Thomas Waddill. Music will be provided by the Civic Chorus.

The service is sponsored by the Appomattox Ministerial Association.

Young adults of the church will sponsor a coffee hour following the service.

Appomattox Library Celebrates 25th Year Of Service To County

The Appomattox County Library is completing twenty-five years of continuous service to the citizens of Appomattox this year. The building estimated at a cost of $16,000.00 and an initial collection of $6,000.00 was dedicated on April 12, 1940. These were gifts to the county by the Andrew Mellon Foundation through the interest of David K. E. Bruce, now ambassador to France. At that time, Mr. Bruce was residing in his ancestral home, "STAUNTON HILL," Charlotte County.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY LIBRARY BUILDING

Since the building was constructed on the grounds of the local high school, the gift was transferred from the Board of Supervisors to the Appomattox County School Board which acts as the permanent library board with Supt. Earl J. Smith serving as Chairman.

At the present time the library owns 32,238 volumes of books. It is also the county's audio-visual center with film, film strips and records available for circulation.

During the past twenty- five years the following librarians have served: Violet Ramsey (Mrs. Alfred Harwood Jr.) Appomattox; Carolyn Moore, (Mrs. Vincent Lunardi, Brookneal; Louise Leath, Richmond; Irene Brooks, Gloucester, Va.; Nadine Forrest (Mrs. Kemp Nixon, Lynchburg, Va.; Mary Rives Black, Pamplin, Va.; Neilwyn O'Brien (Mrs. James Smith, Appomattox; Mrs. Charlotte Jennings, Appomattox, Va.

At the present time, Mrs. Alfred Harwood, Jr. and Mrs. Vernon Cheney are serving as the librarians.

NORTH - SOUTH SKIRMISHERS, INC.

The North-South Skirmish Association is a unique by-product of America's never-ending fascination with that great hour of national trial ... the Civil War. Organized in 1957 by a group of Civil War buffs from all over the country who share a common interest in the history of the war its campaigns, its battles, its heroic proportions for fighting men of the Union and the Confederacy.

Year by year the Skirmishers go farther in their involvement. They add to their impressive array of authentic uniforms, weapon replicas and equipment, both that of the Blue and that of the Gray.

And they do nothing better than to meet together in a "mini-battle" or competitive match, the Yankees and Rebels in friendly competition. ... and they all shoot in one direction!

The Civil War Centennial years, 1961-1965 have added a new proportion to the Association activities, battle reenactments. Here the authentic uniforms and equipment have added realism all across the lands where the important battles were fought.

This year marks a mile-post the Civil Centennial by a dozen years. Shortly after the Fort Sumter incident, Norfolk, Va. rebel raised a magazine picture of a Maryland man wearing a Yankee uniform. The York Ernest W. Peacock of Forest Hills, hurriedly recruited four friends. His challenger, John L. Hawk, brought along six friends. Thus the first battle between Yankee and Rebel was fought near Harvey, Md. — 35 miles north of Bull Run. The South won.

Shortly these two groups were to become Company A of the 1st Virginia Cavalry, with 2nd row: Pvt. Doug Freeman, Pvt. J. Gaddy, Pvt. J. Harding, Sgt. Hank Beers, Rear: Pvt. E. Szymanski, Cpl. Chester Foster, Pvt. V. Sconce, Pvt. H. Webster.

1ST STUART HORSE ARTILLERY, C. S. A — L to r: Thaz Pvt. R. Harding, Sgt. Joe Brown, with 2nd row: Pvt. Doug Freeman, Pvt. J. Gaddy, Pvt. J. Harding, Sgt. Hank Beers, Rear: Pvt. E. Szymanski, Cpl. Chester Foster, Pvt. V. Sconce, Pvt. H. Webster.

THE HAMPTON LEGION C. S. A. Suhandler, Beaks Company: Privates Sgt. Maj. John T. McInnis, commander; L. to R. "Pops" John Osterman, Jeff Osterman, Mark Osterman, Andy Osterman.

17TH VIRGINIA INFANTRY, Washington, D. C. L. to r— Kenneth Smith, William F. Kerr, Donald Smith, C. W. Shaneberger, Robert Painter, F. A. Perrin, at close-line.

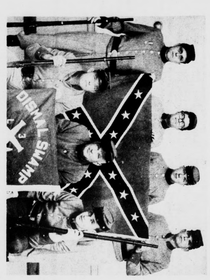
FIRST NEW YORK DRAGOONS—1st row: B. Prebbon, D. Miner, A. Mc Adams, W. Chase. 2nd row: J. Earle, G. Pribel, R. Cover. Top: J. Webster.

58TH PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY, Chatham Frame, 1st. Sgt. Barry Flaherty, (2nd from left).

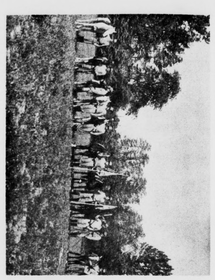
BATTERY B, 3RD. NEW JERSEY LIGHT ARTILLERY, originally formed in Trenton, N. J. in 1861. Reactivated in July 1956.

3RD. U. S. REGULAR INFANTRY, Lancaster, Pennsylvania reformed Union service at the beginning of the War in 1861. Reactivated in 1962.

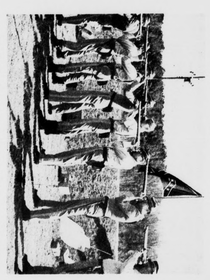
DIXIE LIGHT ARTILLERY—Colonial Heights, Va. Front row: Ned McAllister, Fred Drier. Back row: Ben T. Cocke, Jr., Richard Bean, Lee V. Wright, Aubrey Jones, R. T. Cook, Sr.

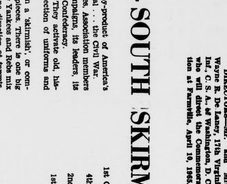
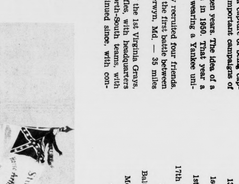
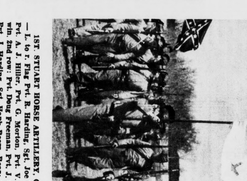
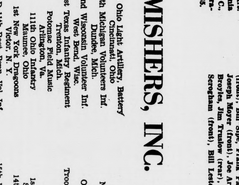
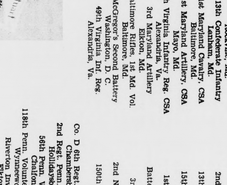
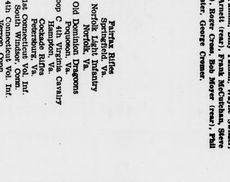
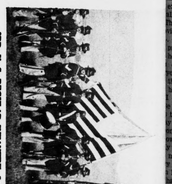
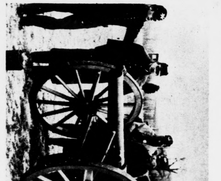


DISMAL SWAMP RANGERS, Suffolk, Va. Front row: Thad Williams, Jr., Richard Holladay, Jr., Ralph Smith, J. D. Almeter, Bobby Sherrett, Charles Williams, Hensley Johnson and Jack Warren, not shown.



MOSELLE RANGERS, C. S. A. Baltimore, Md. L. to R.— J. P. O'Neill, Nelson Thornton, Cpl. Dan Phoebus, Sgt. Herbert Shepard, Duffy Fowler, Cpl. Wesley Coleman, Wayne McInturff, Stan Masters, Cpl. Norman Crosley, John Shepherd.



WINCHESTER, Va. Civil War Reenactment Unit. Front row: Wayne Silcox, Charles Gardner, Mac Blankenship, Jack Becker, Richard Hunter, Dave Winfield, Jerry Wright and Melvin Wright.

EMERALD GUARDS—32nd Va. Vol. Inf. New Market, Va. 1st row: Pvt. Max Will, 1st Lieut. Arthur Hildreth, 2nd row: Pvt. Jim Hildreth, Pvt. Ben Hildreth, Pvt. Jim Hildreth, Pvt. Jim Hildreth, Pvt. Colner Baron, Pvt. Merle Orenbach, Pvt. James Bliser, Cpl. Verlin Troxler, III. 3rd row: Pvt. Joe Miller, Pvt. Bill Pyrtle, Cpl. Bill Mathias, 4th row: Orderly Sgt. Fred Zetzel, Pvt. Blair Zetzel, 1st Sgt. Joe Minnick, Pvt. John Coffman, Pvt. Wayne Lambert, Pvt. Cecil Lindamood, Pvt. Benny Liken, Pvt. Fred Bager.